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Classified By: AMBASSADOR ALFRED HOFFMAN FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) The Ambassador discussed reftel talking points late on May 31 in separate conversations with Prime Minister Socrates and Foreign Minister Freitas do Amaral. The Prime Minister expressed his government's full support for the U.S. decision and pledged to help in any way he could. The Foreign Minister welcomed the U.S. announcement, saying he agreed completely with the U.S. approach and had long supported U.S. involvement. He promised to issue a statement of support that evening or, at the latest, the morning of June 1.

[1](#)2. (U) Comment: We will send the text of the GOP statement as soon as it is available.
Hoffman